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E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INFORMAL PROPOSAL RE TIMING CAGLAYANGIL VISIT

1. AT DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 29, MFA DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, NECDET TEZEL, TOOK DCM ASIDE AND RAISED QUESTION OF TIMING OF CAGLAYANGIL'S PROJECTED VISIT TO WASHINGTON. TEZEL STRESSED THAT THIS WAS A PURELY INFORMAL APPROACH ON HIS PART AND ASKED THAT DCM BE SURE TO REPORT IT AS SUCH.

2. TEZEL SAID THAT ON CHECKING THE PRIME MINISTER'S SCHEDULE OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS THEY HAD FOUND THAT THE TIME SPAN FEBRUARY 10-FEBRUARY 20 WOULD BE THE MOST CONVENIENT FOR CAGLAYANGIL TO MAKE SUCH A VISIT. SPECIFICALLY, TURKS WERE ATTRACTED TO THE IDEA THAT THE VISIT TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 12-13.

3. TEZEL ASKED THAT I GET THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMAL REACTION TO THIS SUGGESTION. TEZEL INDICATED THAT AMBASSADOR ESENBEL HAD NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN INFORMED OF FOREGOING.

4. SINCE ABOVE WAS DRAFTED, AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN ASKED TO CALL ON FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL AT 1100 LOCAL (0400 WASHINGTON TIME) TOMORROW, DECEMBER 31. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HE COULD HAVE DEPARTMENT'S PRELIMINARY REACTION BY THAT TIME. MACOMBER

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